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His Highnesse the Prince of *O-
range* since his comming before
Breda, being the 12. 23. of *July*,
1637. tooke all possible care and
paines, both by day and night, to
secure his Siege against the com-
ming of the Enemy from with-
out, as also against the sallying out
of those within, and in a short time brought it so farre
to pass: that the mighty Armie of the King of *Spain*,
(which presented it selfe before the Campe) durst at no
times attempt upon it, and seeing no possibilitie to do
good there departed againe without any expedition. In
the meane time, His Highnesse did not cease to provide
well his workes without, with strong watch of the
Horsemen, round about the Campe, to hinder that no
forces or Ammunition might get into the Towne. Af-
terwards assaulting the said Citie by force, as well with
approaching, making of Batteries, from which the Ca-
nons play'd from time to time, as also with laying the
Galleries over the Moate, whereof two were wholly
finished, namely the *English*, and *French*; insomuch that
they were already, very busie in making of two Mines,
which were already digged certaine foot deepe under
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the Bulwarke. *Count Williams* Gallery was likewise ready, onely that He had yet to fill the Mouth with earth on the farther end of the Gallery; *Count Henry Casimir* Governour of *Friesland*, proceeded likewise to barre with his Gallery, that the same would have bene ready within a short time, which those within seeing, (although they did their best endeavours as valiant souldiers) lost their courage, knowing themselves not sufficient to resist the force and power on those foure severall places; yet doing their uttermost endeavour, shot the fourth and fifth day of this moneth, after new stile, fearfully with Canons both day and night, as much as the Canons would beare; but seeing that they could do but little hurt, and that our forces with their designe proceeded, desired on Tuesday morning, being the sixth of this moneth new stile, to come to a composition, which was performed and finished upon condition, as the Articles hereof Printed make mention.

Whereupon followed, that round about in the Barony of *Breda*, as also in other next neighbouring places and villages, Wagons and Carts were summoned to carry the Baggage, which on Friday (being the ninth day of this moneth) in a great number went through His Highnesse His Quarter, and through *Count Henry Casimiers* Quarter towards the Citie.

The tenth day of this moneth, being Saturday, betwixt eight and nine of the clocke, came marching towards the Citie upon the Plaine within the *Bosgate* (where they marched out) two Companies of souldiers being the Life-guard of His highnesse, & the Company of Sergeant *Major Wits*, to which came yet certaine Companies of Horse, which from the beginning till to the end of the marching out stay'd there.

In the meane time Sergeant *Major Wits*, gave every where order (because many 1000. of men. came thither from all Cities and Villages to see the marching out) that those within the Towne might march with-

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out any hinderance with their bag and baggage, wounded and sicke souldiers: Certaine Companies of Horse held somewhat farther in the field.

The marching out began about eleven of the clocke, and first of all came out the prisoners, which had been long kept in the Towne, amongst which were five Ministers, then came forth sixteene Companies of foot, afterwards certaine Wagons and Carts with Baggage, and certaine wounded souldiers.

And then againe three Companies, afterwards againe certaine Wagons, and two Capuchins followed afoot.

Then againe seventeene Companies.

Yet five Companies more; Afterwards foure Demicanons, two smaller peeces, two morteing peeces, together with a long Carriage, and twelve barrells of Gunpowder.

Afterwards followed again three Companies, & then againe certain Wagons and Carts loaden with Baggage.

The Governour in a close Coach, which was drawne by foure Horses, being come without the Gate, tooke his leave of certaine of our Colonels and Officers, which staid him a little, and made great Complements one against another.

Whereupon followed thirteene Capuchins, whereof one carried a great Crucifix, hanging on the Crosse, a rod, together with *Pater-Noster*, a Crowne of thornes above it, a Speare, Sponge, Nalles, &c.

And then followed certaine Clergiemen upon Wagons and a foote: Then againe some Wagons laden with Baggage, and next after them went certaine Foot with Firelocks. Afterwards againe foure Companies of Souldiers, and then the Company of *Dorik* the Constable accompanied with certaine Firelocks, guarding the Wagons with the Baggage. And then againe two Companies more, being altogether with those that went afore, healthful Souldiers, and the number of them amounting to above 1800. men.

The marching out did last till foure of the Clocke in the afternoone afore they got all out of the Citie, and they had almost two houres worke before they came without the Quarter of Count *Henry Casimier* into the first Village, where they lay that night, thence they are conducted to *Mechlin*.

The Governour which had beene sicke a while of a Tertian Ague, went out of his Coach and tooke horse, and was brought by Count *William* to his Highnesse, the Prince of *Orenge*, and after certaine Complements, and discourses, tooke his leave and went againe to his Forces.

The Prince of *Orenge* (as I understand) was in a peculiar place, where thee could see all things well.

Without the Quarter, held Colonell *Stakenwerk* together with the young Prince, with 24. or 25. Companies of Horse, which stood in Battaille aray.

The report went, that the Clergie men few dayes afore had beene with the Governour, intreating him that he would spare the Citizens, because it was reported in the Citie, that the said Governour would let it come to assaults, and then if he did not finde himselfe able to beat off the assault, could easily retire into the Castle, and leave the Citizens to the mercy of our Souldiers. Whereupon the Governour, as it is said, provoked with many words, that his meaning was not so to doe in the least manner, neither did it ever come into his minde, but that he wou'd doe as it became an honest Souldier, and ought to doe for his King, and venter all to the uttermost, and hazard his owne life for the Citizens and Clergiemen, whereby they could well be content.

Presently thereupon followed, that the spoiled Gunpowder could not be made good againe, and that the same day, when they begunne to parly, they had not above 24. Barrells of Gunpowder in the towne, which they could use, which was not enough to beate off an assault, which they had dayly to expect: and besides, they

they had not Souldiers enough to guard all the work, insomuch that he was compelled by force to come to parlie, and to forsake such a strong City and Fort, as that within the space of 11. weekes, before which *M.quis Spinola* in the yeere 1635. lay above 10. months, and durst not attempt upon it any thing by force, finding himselfe not sufficient enough to assault it by force.

The Prisoners every day afore the marching out, had put upon the Steeple where they lay imprisoned, an Ensigne of *Orange* colour, which the *Cypier* tooke alwaies away: but they immeniatly made another, which flew upon the said Steeple on Saturday.

Whilst the marching out dured, two well-wishers got upon the top of the great Steeple, where they put an Ensigne of *Orange* which flew lustily.

About 4. of the clocke in the afternoon, the guard of His Highness, together with the Company of Sergeant Major *Wiss*, marched into the Citie.

In the Castle was found much destruction, the Court being totally ruinated and void of many brave things: Certaine builts passed likewise through many Chambers.

The Church was altogether void of Images, and lay all in disorder: It is incredible, and was never heretofore seene, how many thousands of people came together to see them marching forth of the Citie, and that all Provisions and Victualls, as namely, Bread, Beere, Wine, Butter, Cheese, Flesh, Bacon, and Herrings, were solde so cheepe.

Many Citizens are glad of it, because they hope to see that City shortly flourish again wherof was already seene a prooffe: that now for a House for which was payd but 30. guilders for a yeares Rent, is already offered above One hundred guilders a yeare.

The Lord *Lodowicke*, Lord of *Beverwert*, wee heare, shall be Governour of *Breda*. FINIS.

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